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SUBJECT: RECENT ANTI-AMERICAN AND RACIAL INCIDENTS

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS ON JULY 2 AIC RODESCU MACKLIN ATTACHED TO AIR FORCE DETACHMENT 118 WAS PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED BY FIVE YOUNG TURK NATIONALS. MACKLIN WAS IN UNIFORM, IN A DUTY STATUS, WALKING THROUGH A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD PROCEEDING FROM HIS ASSIGNED WORK AREA TO THE APARTMENT OF THE DETACHMENT 118 COMMANDER.
2. MACKLIN FIRST HEARD SOMEONE SAY QUOTE AMERICAN GO HOME UNQUOTE WHEREUPON HE WAS STRUCK IN THE BACK. MACKLIN WAS THEN RUSHED BY TWO ASSAILANTS FROM THE FRONT AND THREE

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FROM THE REAR WHO ROUGHED HIM UP AND KNOCKED HIM TO THE GROUND. HIS ASSAILANTS THEN BEGAN TO KICK HIM AND SHOUT RACIAL EPITHETS. MACKLIN BROKE AWAY AND RAN TO THE DETACHMENT 118 COMMANDER'S APARTMENT WHERE HE REPORTED THE ATTACK TO THE AIR POLICE. MEDICAL EXAMINATION REVEALED EXTENSIVE BRUISES. MACKLIN'S EYE GLASSES WERE BROKEN IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MELEE. FORMAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED WITH TURKISH POLICE.

3. WHILE DISCUSSING THIS INCIDENT WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES
CONSULAR OFFICER WAS TOLD OF A SIMILAR INCIDENT INVOLVING
RACIAL SLURS ONLY, WHICH HAD OCCURRED IN THE SAME GENERAL
VICINITY ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO. THE RACIAL SLURS WERE DIRECTED
AT AN AIR FORCE NCO, HIS WIFE AND TWO SMALL CHILDREN. THE
FAMILY IGNORED THE TAUNTS AND HASTILY DEPARTED THE AREA.

4. COMMENT: THESE ARE THE FIRST SUCH INCIDENTS IN IZMIR TO
COME TO OUR ATTENTION. WHILE THE ANTI-AMERICAN ASPECT OF
BOTH INCIDENTS MAY BE EXPLAINABLE IN TERMS OF THE CONGRESS-
IONAL BAN ON ARMS TO TURKEY, WE ARE TROUBLED PARTICULARLY
BY THE RACIAL OVERTONES FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO READY
EXPLANATION.

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